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New Executives Formulate Plans

Dance Club Gathers To Exercise, Perform

"The ultimate goal of Modern Dance," as explained by Miss Sharon Lee Miller, advisor of the Dance Club, "is to transfer an idea or concept into kinesthetic movement patterns, arranging the patterns in some ordinary fashion so that an impression of unity, logic, and completeness is obtained. As in all other types of art, the elements of a dance must have meaning and significance when combined."

Under Miss Miller's direction, a group of 20 girls, comprising the Dance Club, meets after school Mondays and Tuesdays in the Elbow Room to practice warm-up exercises and basic dancing skills.

No Experience Needed

The purpose of the club is to extend work done in regular gym classes, and to develop and perfect dancing ability. The Dance Club is open to all girls, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, even those of no experience, as part of the intramural program.

In the past, the girls have arranged several productions which they have presented to

The most recent program, which took place on Monday, April 9, was a presentation for the girls at Byron Junior High. At this time the members of the Dance Club performed a variety of numbers to a wide range of different groups.

Newly-elected Student Council officers are as follows (left to right): Paul Rothschild, Susan Weisberger and Jim Inglis.

Seek Improved Relationship Between Council, Students

By Barry Pomerantz

With promises of an improved relationship between the student body and the Student Council, Jim Inglis and Paul Rothschild were elected president and vice-president at the school elections held March 28 and 29. Susan Weisberger was elected secretary. These new officers will actively assume their duties next September.

Also approved by the Student Body was an amendment adding a representative from each class to the Student Council Executive Board. Needing two-thirds of the voters' approval, this amendment passed by gathering 76.4% of the vote. Of the fourteen candidates for office only Vice President-elect Rothschild, voicing his approval, made a campaign issue of the amendment.

President-elect Inglis whose campaign manager was senior class president Dave Gordon, claimed that "a feeling of indifference exists in the Student Body toward the Council." Placing the blame for this apathy on the Council as a whole, Inglis suggested that this problem could be solved by educating the Student Body about the Council and thereby creating an interest in its activities. This could be accomplished by a presidential column, appearing in the issues of the *Shakerite*, informing the students of what the Council is doing.

Similarly candidate Rothschild envisioned a new era of student "participation and co-operation." Expressed the Vice President-elect, "Far too few Shaker students understand or participate in our student council. I am sure that if more of them could see the Student Council in operation, they would better understand it and take part in it." Rothschild said that Student Council meetings held before the whole school would help to enlighten Shakerites about their Council.

Both Jim and Paul supported a winter sports activity card, similar to the activity card sold during the fall. This card would enable Shakerites to attend a specified number of winter sports events at a reduced price.

Susan Weisberger edged out a field of five candidates for the office of secretary. Susie explained that the most important function of the secretary lies, not in her regular duties such as taking the minutes of Council meetings, but rather in the vote that she has on the Executive Board as a representative of the entire Student Body.

Student Proctors for All Juniors, Seniors To Replace Use of Honor Study Halls

By Hana Umlauf

In the coming school year, a new independent study program for juniors and seniors will be inaugurated. The plan has been designed to create greater independence and self-discipline among the students.

Next year the sophomore study halls will still be proctored by teachers, but the format for juniors and seniors will be completely new. Each day students will be given a choice between two study halls which he may want to use. The first will be one for students desiring quiet, serious study. Those students who want to study in a group will be able to choose a less formal study hall. Attendance will be taken in each study hall. Library attendance will be run by the same method which is presently being used.

This new procedure will replace the present Honor Study Hall System. The Central Committee, which is headed by Fred Forster, has been working hard to make the system successful. The committee, consisting of junior and senior students, will act as proctors for the study halls.

The new system will be adopted for two reasons. The main reason is to develop the responsibility of a student to use his study time effectively. In college the student will be faced with independent study; this program will prepare him for the future. The second reason is that the use of a teacher's time to proctor the study halls is wasteful.

Blithe Spirit Will Enter Shaker To Provide Comedy for Spring

By Anne Petty

One novelist plus one medium plus one seance equals confusion and hilarity. Add one unsuspecting wife and a ghost to the formula, and presto—*Blithe Spirit*, the Noel Coward play which will be presented at Shaker on May 4 and 5.

Charles Condomine, who is happily married to his second wife, invites Madame Arcati to his summer home to teach him the language of the occult. Things begin to get out of hand during a seance, however, when the voluble and cliche-ridden medium succeeds in bringing Charles' first wife back to earth in spirit form. The comedy of the situation is compounded when this mischievous ghost begins to taunt her husband, who can see and hear her, and his second wife, who cannot. Confusion upon confusion follows, and the result is an hilarious play about a truly blithe spirit.

Students Star

Louise Millarve, Janie Kaiser, Judy Johnson, and Stefan Bloomfield share the lead in this comedy. Janie Kaiser and Louise Millarve play Elvira and Ruth the first and second wives of Charles Condomine. Judy Johnson portrays Madame Arcati, the acknowledged leader of table tippers and ouija-boarders, while Stefan Bloomfield plays the novelist whose world is suddenly turned upside down. Other characters are Edith, Mrs. Bradman, and Dr. Bradman, played by Polly Leunk, Dorothy Schindler, and Art Stone.

Kelly Danford is the director of *Blithe Spirit*. Assisting him as student directors are Judy Jacobson and Jill Levy.

Spring plays are traditional at Shaker. They are sponsored and publicized by the senior class, but juniors and sophomores are encouraged to participated in them. According to Dave Gordon, senior class president, the seniors are relying quite heavily on profits from the play to finance their senior prom. Until *Blithe Spirit the* class of 1962 has had little luck procuring funds, but the seniors are trying to make their last chance a big success.

Semanteme Offers Shakerites Outlet for Creative Energies

By Leslie Wahl

Everyone has an interest, an opinion, or a memory, and *Semanteme* wants to give every person at Shaker High the chance to share these things. The *Gristmill* staff publishes its literary magazine, *Semanteme*, in the spring to recognize academic and artistic achievement and to arouse community interest in these accomplishments.

Semanteme is not an "arty" magazine and is anxious to receive selections of all kinds if there is thought value in the content. Any topic is suitable, and compositions may be short stories, informal essays; book, play, or movie reviews; biographical, scientific, or historic abstracts; verse; or humor. Artwork is also welcome.

Since the value of the thought is more important than the style, students are urged not to be afraid to write something merely because they feel they can't write well enough.

The deadline for all contributions is April 23, the Monday after Spring Vacation, and the **Gristmill** editorial board will decide which selections will appear in the **Semanteme**. Selections should be short—not more than seven hundred words—so that more articles will appear and more students may receive recognition.

Sharcs, Guppies Combine; Compile Literary Pageant

Rumor is out that the *Shakerite* and *Gristmill* offices have been moved into the swimming pool. Actually the presses are rolling there, but it's the Sharcs Club getting ready for their synchronized swimming pageant on April 27 and 28.

This year the Sharcs' show is based around the theme "Newspapers," and the twenty-six members of the club will present fifteen routines depicting different sections of the paper.

In March thirteen boys were selected by the club to take part in the pageant, and Shakerites can look forward to two numbers done entirely by the boys, plus a duet by Dave Herkner and Jim Orr. There will also be a solo by Lynn Baird.

Behind the scenes many people have combined to make this a gala affair. Kathy Stone, as scenery chairman, has been assigned the task of covering 1200 square feet of space. Officers of the club, Lynn Baird, president, Bobbie Hendricks, vice president, Liz Robson, secretary, and Jean Donahower, treasurer, are working to see that everything runs smoothly. Miss Patricia Hallett and Miss Lucille Burkett are the teacher sponsors.

Guppies Club, instead of presenting a routine of their own as they have in past years, are acting as substitutes for the numbers.

Tickets will be sold at 75 cents for students and $1.00 for adults.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Here are a few hundred suggestions to help solve the parking problem—BICYCLES! I live 1.7 miles from school and bike to school easily in fifteen minutes. The same trip takes ten minutes via automobile.

It seems that Shaker students (boys and girls) would welcome the exercise and chance to "keep in shape," but a psychological straight-jacket keeps all but a dozen of our students off their bikes. A few students have said to me, "I wish I had the courage to ride my bike to school." Is the social pressure against riding bicycles really so great?

After spending last year in Europe where millions of bicycles serve as the chief mode of transportation of the adults in the large cities, I am amazed, amused, confused, and mystified by the attitude of our students. Many of our broad-bottomed Shakerites feel no qualms about having "Mom" deliver them to school by auto on these sunny spring mornings but would be mortified to ride a bike. Why?

I challenge you to dust off your bike and enjoy a quick trip to school tomorrow—with no parking problems.

Robert C. Goodman

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Join Camp Cheerful Bandwagon

Dear Sir:

Sumer is a-cumin' in and once again Camp Cheerful, the fresh air camp for crippled children, must be cleaned up and readied. Last year, 170 students, 40 from Shaker, spent a full day in the spring sunshine working under the supervision of the Youth Council on Human Relations. This year, Saturday, April 21, is the day. Buses will come from this area. Any student can participate. Sign up on the bulletin board in Mr. Swaja's room 111. Don't let this opportunity slide by; too many children will spend their entire summers in this camp.

Sincerely,

Gerald Sindell

Several seniors listen intently as Joseph Szwaja jokes about the John Hay Fellowship that he has received for the coming scholastic year.

Mr. Szwaja Awarded Fellowship For Study Next Year at Yale

Joseph Szwaja, one of the eighty-eight teachers in the United States to receive the John Hay Fellowship, will study at Yale University next year. He will return to Shaker Heights the following year.

This Fellowship, designed to give teachers of the humanities an opportunity to broaden their knowledge, allows them to catch up with new discoveries in various fields. It is hoped that this experience will not only benefit the participating teachers, but also will help their future students.

It is not obligatory for the teacher to choose courses in the field which he teaches. He can take a course for credit or he may attend a class without fulfilling all its requirements. There is no set number of courses that a teacher must take. He may have only one or two courses and use the remaining time to catch up on his reading or even to travel. This Fellowship is not given to enable the teacher to work for another degree.

Mr. Szwaja is permitted to take his family with him and will receive the same salary as if he were teaching here. He considers this a wonderful opportunity to do some studying without all the usual pressures.

Seniors Prepare For April A.C.T. Placement Exams

Seniors planning to enter any of the state colleges are required to take the American College Testing program test on April 21. A.C.T.'s were also given in November and February.

The test is a three-hour examination used for admissions, scholarship, guidance, and placement. It is designed to provide helpful information and service to colleges, high schools, and the students.

Measure of Ability

A.C.T.'s consist of four forty-five minute tests. They cover English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences. Their purpose is to measure the ability of the student so that he may have some idea of his success in college. The test is concerned primarily with generalized intellectual skill and abilities, not with specifics. In this way it can measure as directly as possible the student's ability to perform the kind of complex intellectual tasks required of college pupils.

The English test deals with written expression, while the mathematics test is concerned with reasoning power and familiarity with mathematical skills and concepts. The other two tests concentrate on reasoning and problem solving, especially in reading situations. Not only do the state schools require this examination, but also more and more colleges throughout the country are beginning to request it.

Around the Town

Variety of Movies, Plays, and Records Provides Entertainment Opportunities

By Stuart Friedman

Spring Vacation is here again, thank Heaven! It almost seems as if it comes only once a year. Between trips to the Public Library for research on papers for Mr. Meshenberg, Mr. Cramer, or Mr., Miss, or Mrs. ——— (check the appropriate title and fill in the proper teacher's name), Shakerites might look into the possibilities for bits of entertainment.

One of the finest films in months, Ingmar Bergman's "Through a Glass Darkly" is currently appearing at the Heights Art Theatre. Like most of Bergman's productions, this movie is in Swedish with English subtitles, but the plot moves so effortlessly that this is no handicap whatever. On April 19, "Through a Glass Darkly" will move to the Continental Art Theatre, and the new Peter Sellers comedy "Only Two Can Play" will open at the Heights. At some date as yet undetermined, the Heights will start showing a new French film, "Last Year at Marienbad," both widely acclaimed and widely attacked, which will be discussed at greater length next month.

Play House Fare

The well-known Play House Touring Company will repeat its 1961-2 repertory at the Drury Theatre through April 21. The plays to be presented include "Hedda Gabler," "Arms and the Man," and "Pictures In the Hallway." Not only are these plays well-worth seeing as pure entertainment or for their literary excellence, but also the Play House has made them doubly attractive by establishing a special 80-cent student rate any time except Saturday evening.

The Metropolitan Opera will make its annual visit to Cleveland from April 23 through the 29. Stars such as Leontyne Price, Jan Peerce, Roberta Peters, and Robert Merril will appear in operas from *Aida* to *Girl of the Golden West* and from *Madama Butterfly* to *Salome*. Ticket prices, by the way, range from $2 all the way up to $12.

New records this month include "Bud and Travis in Concert, Volume 2" on Library Records and Noel Coward singing songs from his show "Sail Away." The latter album proves that the old master has lost none of his wit and charm, and is most highly recommended for anyone who has (or hasn't) heard this sparkling musical (Capitol Records).

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Florida Statute Illumines Basic Democratic Conflict

By Kenyon Cramer

Last May the Florida state legislature passed a law requiring a 6-week course on communism in all public high schools. The law explicitly directs teachers to stress the evils of communism. This presents the teacher with a serious dilemma: how can he teach objectively and obey the law?

Let us imagine such a class in Orange Grove, Florida. The teacher is Wilbur Snodgrass and the participating students are Susie Snailpace, Polly Popular, and Potty Potts, a local oddball. Snodgrass has just explained the purpose of the course. Such a class, a la Bob Newhart, might go something like this:

Snodgrass: What is it, Potts?

Potts: Well, sir, I don't like communism but I was wondering whether it is right to just talk about the evils of communism. Is it all bad?

Snodgrass: Look here, Potts, don't confuse the issue. The law says we should show the evils of communism.

Potts: But, sir, you told us last semester that we should try to be objective and look at all sides of issues. Now you say we should start with our minds already made up.

Snodgrass: That was last semester, Potts. We can't afford to do that with the communist issue because some of our students might be taken in.

Polly Popular: That's right. We're too young to see through communist propaganda, so I think we need a course like this to tell us what to believe in.

Snodgrass: Well, I hope you believe in something. By the way, class, what do you believe in?

(a long silence ensues)

Susie Snailpace: How about freedom of speech and the right to disagree?

Snodgrass: Excellent, Susie. This is what we have that the Russians don't have. What is it now, Potts?

Potts: Does that mean I can disagree with you, sir?

Snodgrass: Well—that all depends.

Potts: But how can we have freedom when the school tries to shove something down our throats. That's just what the Commies do. Why can't you give us the facts and let us make up our own minds.

Snodgrass: Look, Potts, that's enough out of you today. I want you to come in after school and write "Communism is Evil" 100 times on the blackboard.

Potts: But, sir—

Snodgrass: (with considerable heat) Class dismissed!!

SHAKER NOISE

by "The Boys"

STEVE HOWIE DICK

Our Apologies

Since the publication of our April Fools' issue we have received six subpoenas to appear in court to face libel suits. To avoid any more of these suits, which are beginning to sap the *Shakerite* of its funds and are becoming an inconvenience to your columnists, we offer our deepest apologies to the following parties:

The Roxy Theater, the Bolshoi Ballet, Puccini, Von Manuela, Baby Doll, Tempest Storm, Irma the Body, Chili Pepper, Virginia Bell (an amazing 48-year-old performer), The Soviet Union, Grandma's Licorice Sticks, Severance Hall, the Well Come Inn, Swiney's, C.T.S., Tschaikovsky, Copland, Bill Haas, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Mr. Klyver, Rolly Simon, Socrates, **Fred Heinlen,** Plato, Old Meadow Creamery, Square News Co., Martini Construction, Mr. Lata, Mr. Lata's black MG-TD, Manischewitz Wine Co., The Paperback Book Store, Burton Randall, George Starr, Jack Pickering, John Harbourt, Charles Hendrickson, **Fred Heinlen,** the PTA, CRIMP, Zip Zednik, Bob Rice, Mr. Senft, Mrs. Brock, Ned Grossman, Reed Morton, Loren Eisner, Jim McGeorge, Steve Abrams, Bob Rawson, Tom Humphrey, Jerry Goetz, Larry Lukasik, Jules Lodish, East Tech, Bob Warmack, Beechwood High, Heights High, Hathaway Brown, Jim Schneider, Eddie Arcaro, Willie Shoemaker, Carry Back, Silky Sullivan, Snuffy Sneezer, Dick Critical, *Tropic of Cancer,* Mell, Robert Morris, **Fred Heinlen,** Carroll Palmer, Miss Burgess, *Playboy, Rougue, Escapade, Ace, Kent, Adam, Nugget, Dude, Mad,* Alfred E. Neuman, Brigette Bardot, and, almost forgot, Russell Rupp.

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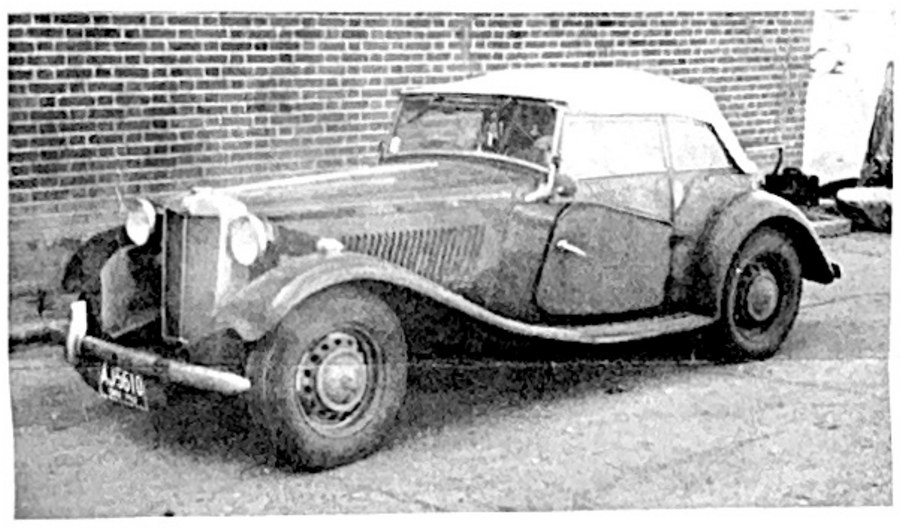

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Mr. Charles Hendrickson of the chemistry department for his novel and simple solution to the problem of over-crowded classrooms.

Mr. Burton Randall for allowing "most" of our material to be printed in the last issue.

Mr. Rupp for his solitary comment on our last issue, "How did they find out."

Joe Hacker for his excellent suggestions on how to make our paper duller.

By the way, Joe, good buddy, best pal, you will be happy to hear that our next issue will be printed on 3-by-5 cards. Then, and only then, will you be able to say that our paper is going to pieces.

Nah, none of that long-hair stuff for me.

25 Parking Spaces Along Woodbury Strip Open to Juniors Due to Illegal Drivers

The prohibition of junior driving during this school year has presented many problems, especially to the juniors. But, despite opinion to the contrary, the administration is doing what it can to alleviate the inconvenience this situation has caused many students.

Arthur Erholm, the business manager of the Shaker Heights schools, has made a survey of available parking spaces and suggested that twenty-five spaces be allowed for junior parking on an experimental basis. So far, eleven stickers have been issued which are good for the remainder of the school year. The fourteen remaining spaces will be appropriated for a day at a time on the basis of need.

Twenty-five Spaces

The juniors who have been given permission to drive are restricted to the Woodbury parking lot along the track. Since this area is near the elementary school, Dr. Donald G. Emery, Superintendent, has urged that juniors take precautions against a potential injury to a child.

More juniors might have been permitted to drive if a few had not driven to school when they were not supposed to.

The construction has also limited the available parking space. The addition to the high school took up space in the lot which was used by the teachers last year, and the administration has taken over the Ashford lot.

Student Council Visitations Afford Opportunity to Compare Activities

Fourteen Student Council representatives from Shaker took part in an exchange of representatives among the Lake Erie League schools on April 9. These schools, Cleveland Heights, Shaw, Euclid, Parma, Lakewood, Valley Forge, and Garfield Heights, each sent two representatives to Shaker. The purpose of the exchange was to observe and evaluate the student activity programs of other schools.

During the visitation, representatives from the seven schools attended discussions on the various activities of the Student Council at Shaker. The subjects of these discussions included the Social Council, the Demerit Panel, and Honor Study Hall. The representatives had lunch with the Student Council Executive Board and had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the day. Representatives from Shaker to the other schools will write an account of their visit and report on what they learned at a future Council meeting.

The exchange program originated over ten years ago at the first fall conference of the Lake Erie League schools.

Richard Klyver, Student Council adviser, feels that its primary value is to help students compare their own Student Council and activity program with those of other schools and suggest improvements that they could make in their own schools.

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Ricemen Have L.E.L. Victory in Sights

Several returning lettermen will be forming the nucleus of an outstanding track team for 1962. Strength in nearly all track events should lead the Raiders to many victories, including, possibly, the L.E.L.

Several oustanding trackmen have their sights on the state meet. **Steve Kardos** is one of the best hurdlers in the city and would have placed well in the Suburban I division of the Arena track meet had he not been hampered with injuries. **Jim McGeorge** and **Bob Taylor** are among the best quarter milers in the city. Sprints with **McGeorge** and **Greg Druian** and relays are also strong. The field events are average with strength in broad jump and pole vault and weakness in shot put and discus.

The L.E.L. meet is paramount in Coach Bob Rice's mind, with the state meet only anti-climatic. Euclid and Lakewood will probably present the biggest stumbling blocks to the Raiders in the meet. The Raiders are certain to score in the Mansfield relays, although **Kardos** may not be able to run as a result of his injuries.

The mediocre indoor season is mainly due to the fact that the home team has a distinct advantage because they are familiar with the track. The indoor season is merely a training period for the outdoor season and should be looked upon with that view.

The Ricemen have their first big meet tomorrow afternoon when they journey to Mansfield for the Mansfield Relays. Several teams from the Cleveland area will be participating in the competition, the last track event till after spring vacation.

The Raider batmen have taken advantage of the spring weather by starting outdoor practice early this year. The Heinlenmen travel to Cleveland Heights tomorrow afternoon for a 2:00 p.m. game, the third game of the season after home games against Euclid and Lakewood.

Fudgees Are Intramural Champions, 30-20, Over Hyde's Junior Hoopsters

Bill Fudge's Senior League champions withstood a final effort by Rick Hyde's Juniors and defeated them by a 30-20 score. The game was held in the boys' gym on Monday, April 2, with Coach Bob Rice watching.

Rick Hyde, Dennis Roarty, Gerald Goldstein, Don Longnecker, and **Bob Gould** were pitted against **Bill Fudge, Barry Wolinetz, Ish Childs, Bill Hamilton,** and **Jim Smith** at the opening whistle, in the school intramural championship.

The Fudgees jumped to an early lead, but the juniors followed steadily. With ten minutes to go in the game, the Hydes' cold shooting ended, and they came within a few points of Fudge. The Fudgees outlasted Hyde, however, winning a 30-20 decision.

Roarty and **Smith** were the sharpshooters, while **Hyde** and **Fudge** controlled the boards in the thirty-point or thirty-minute contest. **Barry Wolinetz** sank the final basket to secure the game and the championship.

Racketmen Seek City Victory After Taking League Crown

Coach Jack Pickering's undefeated 1961-62 Shaker tennis team figures to continue its winning ways this spring. L.E.L. champions, Shaker will play its toughest matches against University School. Coach Pickering said that his netters were assured of the city championship if they beat U.S. He also reasoned that they have a good chance for the district title, where he will play his best boys in doubles.

Tom Hardesty or **Cary Zucker** will occupy the first singles position, with the other playing second singles. **Jim Williams** will be at third singles and **Jim Mittelman** will be one of the first doubles men. The other first doubles player will be either **Fred Cohen** or **John Ingalls**, with the other joining **George Blumenthal** at second doubles.

This is a strong team, especially in depth, and Coach Pickering listed several boys who have played at least twice a week all year and who are ready to play in matches if needed. These boys are **Buddy Mendelson, Ken Swartz, Robin Kennedy, Dave Adelstein, Ricky Wildau, John Garnett, Jack Thalman, John Bennett,** and **Dick Adler**. Other than **Adelstein**, these boys are all sophomores and juniors, and will form the core of future Shaker tennis squads.

Linkmen Inaugurate Annual Spring Campaign; Stoch Plans for Regaining Title from Tigers

By Benjamin Hagan

Two golf matches last night with Parma and Valley Forge, both at Ridgewood, initiated the 1962 Shaker golf season. Coach Ed Stoch will begin the season with hopes for improving a fifth place state showing last year and for regaining the league crown taken away last year by Heights.

Eighty-three boys turned out two weeks ago for three qualifying rounds, vying for the twenty positions available on the team. Those players who did not qualify will enter into a separate league with matches at Highland.

The linkmen will have a total of twenty-six varsity matches, with home matches scheduled at Shaker, Beechmont, and Hawthorne Valley. Three matches have been scheduled with Cleveland Heights, probably the strongest opponents the Raiders will meet this spring. Three out of four lettermen are returning from the Heights squad which took the Lake Erie League championship last spring. The Raiders will also meet Beechwood, who, along with Heights and Shaker, will probably have one of the top three teams in the area.

Five lettermen are returning this spring for the Raiders. These include Captain **Jeff Gerth, Eric Shaw, Ken Joseph, Roger Perlmuter,** and "the only left-handed golfer in captivity," **John Schumacher**. The first four positions have not been definitely decided yet, and strong competition is expected to come from **Dennis Roarty, D. Marc Berger, Michael Wise, Dick Weiss** and **Arnold Palmer.**

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